

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

MARY E. MILLER,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	Case No. 3:15cv00153
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vs.	:	Magistrate Judge Sharon L. Ovington
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CAROLYN W. COLVIN,	:	
Commissioner of the Social	:	
Security Administration,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

DECISION AND ENTRY

This social security case is before the Court upon the Motion For Allowance Of Attorney Fees filed by Plaintiff's attorney. (Doc. #19). The Commissioner has not opposed or otherwise responded to the Motion.

Plaintiff's counsel seeks an award of attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b)(1) in the total amount of \$21,255.00. In the absence of opposition by the Commissioner, the Motion and supporting Exhibits establish that an award of attorney fees is reasonable and warranted under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b)(1) in the amount the Motion seeks.

In addition, the Court previously accepted the parties' stipulation to an award of \$3,950.00 in attorney fees to Plaintiff's counsel under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). (Doc. #17). The award, however, was subject to offset in the amount of any

debt Plaintiff owed the Government. *See id.* The current record does not indicate whether or not Plaintiff's counsel actually received any of the EAJA award because of the potential offset. Counsel, moreover, may not recover attorney fees under both the EAJA and 42 U.S.C. § 406(b) for the same work. Plaintiff's counsel must therefore return to Plaintiff the amount of EAJA fees, if any, he has actually received. *See Gisbrecht v. Barnhart*, 535 U.S. 789, 796 (2002).

Accordingly, the Court hereby **ORDERS** that:

1. The Motion For Allowance Of Attorney Fees filed by Plaintiff's attorney (Doc. #19) is GRANTED;
2. The Commissioner shall pay Plaintiff's attorney fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 406(b)(1) in the amount of \$21,255.00;
3. Plaintiff's counsel shall refund to Plaintiff the amount of attorney fees, if any, he has actually received under the Equal Access To Justice Act; and
4. The case remains terminated on the docket of this Court.

January 10, 2017

s/Sharon L. Ovington

Sharon L. Ovington
United States Magistrate Judge